

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)

As a below inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if a single name listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ROLLER HOLDER UNIT

the specification of which

is attached hereto  
 was filed May 18, 2006, amended by way of Preliminary Amendment on May 18, 2006, and accorded Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby authorize and request my attorney to insert the application number and filing date, when known, into this declaration executed by me for this invention:

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Foreign Application Number(s) | Country     | Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Priority Claimed | Certified Copy Attached |
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| CH 1981/03                          | Switzerland | 11/20/2003                       | Yes              | No                      |

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States provisional application(s) listed below.

| Application Number(s) | Day/Month/Year Filed | Additional Application Numbers Listed on Supplemental Priority Data Sheet Attached | Provisional |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States, § 120 of any United States application(s) or any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, of Federal Regulations Code, § 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number | Parent Filing Date Day/Month/Year Filed | Parent Patent Number<br>(if applicable) |
|--|---|---|
| PCT/CH2004/000681                            | 10/November/2004                        |   |

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the Attorneys associated with Customer No. 027885, to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Rene' Amherd of Riedgutschstrasse 42, CH-8832 Wollerau, Switzerland, have made new and useful improvements in

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filed May 18, 2006, amended by way of Preliminary Amendment on May 18, 2006, and accorded Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_;

WHEREAS, VON ARX AG, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Switzerland, having a place of business at Gelterkinderstrasse 31, CH-4450 Sissach, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and all patents therefor to be obtained in the United States of America and countries foreign to the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN, that for valuable considerations to me paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, the said inventor, do hereby assign, sell and set over unto the said VON ARX AG, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid improvements and any and all inventions pertaining thereto, the application for United States patent executed by Rene' Amherd on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, all patents granted therefor in the United States of America and elsewhere, and the right to apply for patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States and to claim for such applications the priority of United States applications, and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue such patents to the said VON ARX AG, its successors, or assigns; and I further agree to execute such other applications and other instruments and do all other acts as may be deemed necessary by the said VON ARX AG, its successors and assigns in order fully to secure, protect, and preserve its rights to the said improvements and to obtain patents therefor in the United States of America and all countries foreign to the United States, all without further consideration but at the expense of the said VON ARX AG, its successors or assigns.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Rene' Amherd

Witnesses:

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